



State Senator

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*Serving the 22<sup>nd</sup> District*

*Shiawassee-Livingston-Southern Ingham counties*

## Legislative Update

### **BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE** **A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District**

#### **Garcia's** **BILL OF THE WEEK!**

##### **SB 96: Code of Conduct for Athletic Coaches**

Senator Garcia has introduced a bill that would promote positive behavior among public and private school coaches. Senate Bill 96 would require the Department of Education to provide schools with model guidelines for their coaching faculty.

This ethics policy would incorporate a pledge that signifies the coach's commitment to setting constructive examples for their team's members as well as include disciplinary consequences should the coach violate the pledge. Michigan schools would then be encouraged to adopt a coach's conduct and ethics policy based on the example provided by the Department.

The legislation has been referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

#### **Numerous bills were introduced this week!**

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org) and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at [senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov).

#### **YOUR WEEK AHEAD - - A preview of next week's committee hearings:**

1. **Senate Appropriations-Higher Education**  
Tuesday, February 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the Senate Appropriation Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Capitol  
Confirmation hearing for gubernatorial appointees to the governing boards of Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University
2. **Senate Committee on Technology and Energy**  
Wednesday, February 9 at 3 p.m. in room 210 of the Farnum Building.  
Presentation by the Michigan Public Service Commission on their annual "Status of Electric Competition in Michigan" report
3. **House Appropriations Committee-Joint Meeting with Senate Appropriations**  
Thursday, February 10 at noon in the House Appropriations Committee Room-3<sup>rd</sup> floor Capitol  
Presentation by Mary Lannoye, State Budget Director

**Notice a pothole on your way to work this morning?**  
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